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1. Claims 38-43 and 45-47 are allowable. The restriction requirements set forth in the Office actions mailed on 6/20/2003, 3/26/2003, 11/19/2002 and 9/29/2002 have been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirements are hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claim 44 is no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. However, claims 48-58 remain withdrawn from consideration because they do not require all the limitations of an allowable claim.

2. In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

3. **This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 48-50 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 7/18/2003.** Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue.

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Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.


The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel L. Greene Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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